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Sir:

Prior to a further examination of this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓  
Please cancel claims 1, 3 - 6, 8 - 12, 15 - 17 and 26 - 34.

✓  
Please add the following new claims.

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Claim 35

In a process for producing trehalose in plants or parts thereof, wherein the plants naturally synthesize trehalose or are genetically altered to synthesize trehalose, said plants comprising an endogenous trehalase activity, the improvement comprising:

- (a) inhibiting the endogenous trehalase activity in the plants or parts thereof; and
- (b) screening for a plant or a plant part having a level of trehalose that is increased as a result of said inhibiting.